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KENTUCKY COLONELS ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	College	Date of Birth
10	Louie Dampier	G	6-0	180	Kentucky	11-20-44
22	Jim Ligon	F	6-7	215	None	2-22-44
24	Bud Olsen	C	6-8	230	Louisville	7-25-40
32	Wayne Chapman	G-F	6-6	190	Western Ky.	6-15-45
34	George Tinsley	F	6-5	205	Ky. Wesleyan	9-19-46
35	Darel Carrier	G	6-3	185	Western Ky.	10-26-40
40	Tommy Kron	G	6-5	205	Kentucky	2-28-44
42	Oliver Darden	F	6-7	240	Michigan	7-28-44
52	Sam Smith	F	6-7	235	Ky. Wesleyan	1-27-44
54	Gene Moore	C	6-9	225	St. Louis	7-29-45

COACH GENE RHODES

"I die on the bench," he said. "I know I do. Sometimes I don't even know where I'm sitting. Like I'm sitting all by myself one minute, and then the next minute I'm halfway down the bench sitting between two reserves."

Which tells you about Gene Rhodes. He cares. None of this deadpan, we-play-again-tomorrow-so-why-worry stuff. He runs the full range of emotion, and it is all there to see on his face, and my, the things he goes through with the Colonels.

The above was an excerpt from a column written by Dave Kindred of The Louisville Times. And nowhere have we found a better description of the popular Colonels' coach. Basketball is his life . . . Has been his life since he can remember . . . From the time he played on the outdoor courts in the poverty stricken Portland area of Louisville, through a brilliant high school, college and pro career at Louisville Male Hi, Western Kentucky University and Indianapolis. A man who loved the game so intensley, naturally would turn to coaching. Rhodes did. He was considered Kentucky's top high school mentor at Male (his Alma Mater) and Louisville St. Xavier, where he won a state championship. He went on to Western Kentucky University as an assistant coach. Then came the Colonels.

Rhodes joined the A.B.A. club a month after the inaugural season was underway, replacing John Givens. He took the Colonels from the cellar to the playoffs in that first year and wrapped up the season winning 18 of 19 including 13 straight at home. The second year, he just missed the title, finishing third in the Eastern Division, but only two games out of first.

Rhodes' interest in the Colonels does not stop with coaching. The overall success of the franchise is due partially to his other efforts. During the summer months, Rhodes is a veritable buzzsaw of activity. Season ticket sales are his first love. And he has led the Colonels' sales force in this department each year.

Married to the former Jo Cecil of Louisville, the Rhodes have two children 4-year-old Steve and 3-year-old Kathleen.

10 LOUIE DAMPIER

6-0 *180* *Kentucky*

The most popular player on the squad, Louie Dampier is the epitome of the All-American Boy. And he is just that. He was accorded All-American honors at the University of Kentucky as a junior and was called the best shooter the Wildcats ever had by no less an authority than the venerable Adolph Rupp.

Louie's shooting eye is still as sharp as ever . . .as he led the A.B.A. in three-point field goals made last season . . . and in two years in the pros has averaged 22 and 25 points respectively. However, Dampier's game is not limited to shooting. He is a great passer and ball handler. He was third in the A.B.A. in assists last season. He also provides the leadership on the court. Although he is the idol of Kentucky fans, this has not affected his popularity with the other players. They look to him for leadership and representation with the front office.

Year	G	2 FG	PCT.	3 FG	Assts	Reb.	FTM	FTA	FT %	TP	AVG.
67-68	72	582-1331	.44	38-142	256	333	209	254	.82	1487	20.7
68-69	78	514-1144	.449	199-552	456	299	308	380	.811	1933	24.78

54 GENE MOORE

6-9 *225* *St. Louis*

"I wish I had twelve like him." Coach Rhodes speaking on Gene Moore. "Geno" may one day be a super-star. He has all the tools. He is a great jumper, shooter, and has the attitude coaches love. He takes criticism . . . he doesn't pout . . . he just goes out and gets the job done. This second-year man from St. Louis University holds the key to the Colonels' title hopes. He is prone to get in foul trouble, and if he can overcome this lone shortcoming, this could be a great year for him. A forward for most of his career, he was shifted to the pivot at mid-season last year and finished strong, with an average of 17 points and 14 rebounds a game.

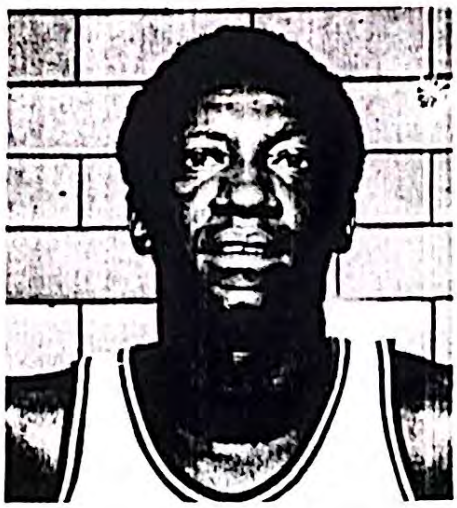
Year	G	2 FG	PCT.	3 FG	Assts	Reb.	FTM	FTA	FT %	TP	AVG.
68-69	76	417-918	.454	0-2	90	817	204	290	.703	1038	13.66

35 DAREL CARRIER

6-3 185 Western Ky.

How are you going to keep him down on the farm after he has seen those big coliseums? Farm-boy Darel Carrier does return to his rural digs during the summer months, but he is never far from a hoop. A shooter-deluxe, Carrier has averaged 22 and 23 points for the first two years in the A.B.A. and there's no reason to believe he won't do it again. Although older (29) than most of the squad, this quiet living, handsome, bachelor has many years left on the courts. His age is belied by the wonderful conditioning rigors he maintains. He and Dampier form the most point-productive backcourt in the A.B.A. Carrier loves to fire long range, and his consistency is proved by the accuracy of his three-point field goal statistics. He has led the league in that department both years and began this season with the same sort of marksmanship.

Year	G	2 FG	PCT.	3 FG	Assts	Reb.	FTM	FTA	FT %	TP	AVG.
67-68	77	559-1310	.43	84-235	172	352	395	479	.82	1765	22.9
68-69	73	434-1046	.414	125-330	214	283	447	545	.82	1690	23.15



22 JIM LIGON

6-7 215 None

"The Goose" has the speed and jumping ability to rank alongside the League's best forwards. If he has any shortcomings, it is his lack of range shooting. In the early going this season, he was beginning to take a few more of those outside shots. Strength is another asset of this all-star forward. When Ligon doesn't play up to par, it is very difficult for Kentucky to log a win. In two years as a starter with the Colonels, he has led the team in rebounding. His acrobatics in twisting, turning, and working for a layup is a delight to the Kentucky fans. He is a real exciting player, and one of the fans' favorites.

Year	G	2 FG	PCT.	3 FG	Assts	Reb.	FTM	FTA	FT %	TP	AVG.
67-68	78	427-938	.46	1-4	143	929	405	595	.68	1262	16.2
68-69	75	390-874	.446	1-5	172	819	337	510	.661	1120	14.93

52 SAM SMITH

6-7 235 Ky. Wesleyan

One of the Kentucky scouts has dubbed this native Kentuckian, "Joe Louis." And the reason is evident when you note the marked resemblance of Sam with the great heavyweight champion. He has other similarities, too. If there is some rough stuff on the floor, opposing players tend to shy away if Big Sam is in the middle of it. Sam's career has been one of ups and downs. He was purchased from the old Minnesota Muskies after the first league year. He then reported to the Colonel camp overweight and never got untracked. He was waived out of the league. However, he was recalled by the Colonels and won a starting spot in last season's lineup. A good defensive player, good rebounder and adequate shooter, lack of speed keeps him from being an all-star.

Year	G	2 FG	PCT.	3 FG	Assts	Reb.	FTM	FTA	FT %	TP	AVG.
67-68(Minn)	77	282-744	.38	2-6			185	280	.66	755	9.8
68-69(Ky)	62	172-427	.403	1-10	64	390	114	172	.663	461	7.44

32 WAYNE CHAPMAN

6-6 190 Western Ky.

Wayne was Kentucky's number two draft choice in 1968. However, an injury and subsequent operation slowed him his rookie year. He is back in top shape this season and is showing all signs of living up to the club's expectation that made him the number two pick. He has all the moves and natural ability to be a great one. He is a good shooter, good jumper, and adequate passer. However, lack of strength and hard-nose competiveness may retard his potential. Another Western Kentucky product, Chapman swings for the Colonels, playing both guard and forward.

Year	G	2 FG	PCT.	3 FG	Assts	Reb.	FTM	FTA	FT %	TP	AVG.
68-69	48	64-189	.339	4-13	38	74	54	72	.750	194	4.04

40 TOMMY KRON

6-5 205 Kentucky

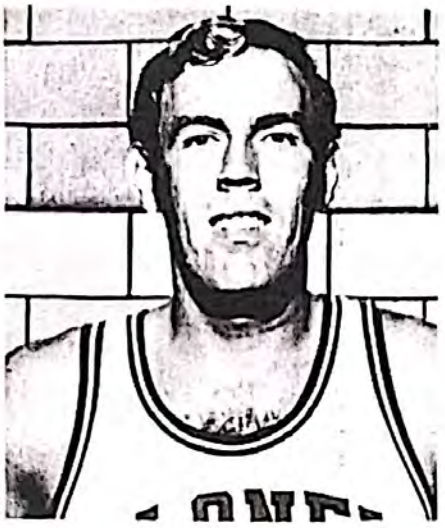
"Mr. Hustle" or "Krash" are the nicknames for Tommy Kron, one of the celebrated league jumpers of the past summer. Kron was with the Seattle Supersonics last year but elected to play with the Colonels this season, his option year with Seattle. After a court battle and subsequent settlement, he is back home in the Bluegrass State and ready to give the Colonels that big strong quarterback in the backcourt. Kron was a teammate of Dampier's at the University of Kentucky when the wildcats were runners-up in the 1966 NCAA Tournament.

42 OLIVER DARDEN

6-7 240 Michigan

A successful businessman in Indianapolis, and a successful basketball player in Kentucky, Oliver Darden is another one of those guys who just keeps right on getting the job done. Ollie came to the Colonels last season in a trade with New York, and averaged a steady 8 rebounds and 10 points a game. In the early going this year, he has shown a tendency to be a bit more aggressive, a trait he has lacked in the past, and with this new aggressiveness, Coach Rhodes can look to his bench with a lot more confidence. "Ollie is a gentleman" . . . says the Kentucky coach . . . "He's a great guy . . . very intelligent . . . but sometimes I wish he weren't so nice. When he gets going on the court . . . he can really help."

Year	G	2 FG	PCT.	3 FG	Assts	Reb.	FTM	FTA	FT %	TP	AVG.
67-68(Ind)	77	371-830	.45	0-1			180	270	.67	922	12.0
68-69(N.Y.)	30	133-279	.477	0-0			78	110	.709	344	11.47
68-69(Ky)	47	184-430	.428	1-5	104	594	100	130	.769	471	10.02



24 **BUD OLSEN**

6-8 *230* *Louisville*

They call him "Bud" and for good reason. His real moniker is Enoch Eli Olsen. Olsen spent seven years with the N.B.A. before joining the Colonels this season. He is a clever passer, very good shooter, and has a lot of savvy. His primary purpose is as a backup man to Gene Moore in the pivot. However, on occasions, he will be in there as a forward. His experience will mean a lot in helping Moore develop as well as his own contribution on the court. It has been Olsen's lot to play behind some of the greatest pivotmen in basketball, but this year he will have ample opportunity to prove what he has always known, that he is quite a player himself.

34 **GEORGE TINSLEY**

6-5 *205* *Ky. Wesleyan*

George Tinsley is the most recent addition to the Colonels' roster coming to Louisville in a straight cash deal with the Washington Caps. Tinsley's coach at Washington said "This young man really had some good coaching. He is wellgrounded in defense . . . more so than any rookie I have seen." This is not surprising to Colonel fans, since George learned his high school basketball under Gene Rhodes and at Kentucky Wesleyan was tutored by Guy Strong. A native Louisvillian (Louisville Male Hi) George is glad to be back home and the Colonels are just as glad to have him. Small for a forward at 6-5, Rhodes plans to use him against Eastern Division rivals who feature high scoring but not-so-tall front court men such as Indiana's Roger Brown, Carolina's Doug Moe, New York's Walt Simon, and Miami's Art Heyman.

THE BLUEGRASS BOYS

When the hard boots scan a racing form, there is no greater recommendation for a young colt than for the chart to show that he is Kentucky-Bred. The Bluegrass State is the capital of the horse racing industry. The good people of the commonwealth also like to think of their portion of these great United States as the *basketball* capital of the world. Certainly they have much to back up those boasts. The fantastic success of Kentucky colleges and universities in the cage sport gives credence to their claim. Coach Adolph Rupp and the University of Kentucky own four NCAA Championships. The University of Louisville has an N.I.T. Title to its collection of trophies, Kentucky Wesleyan has won the College Division of the NCAA Tournament three out of the last four years. Coach Ed Diddle and his Western Kentucky teams are legends in their own right. With all this in mind, it was little wonder that the owners of the first pro basketball team in the state promised Kentuckians they would stock their squad with Kentucky-Breds.

At the Fall Camp, the Colonels roster showed 13 of 20 to hail from college campuses located in old "Kaintuck." As the team was gradually pared to its present size, seventy percent of those remaining have Kentucky ties . . . (either were born here or played college ball here.) Louie Dampier and Tommy Kron starred at the University of Kentucky. Darel Carrier and Wayne Chapman hail from Western Kentucky University. Bud Olsen was an all-time great from the University of Louisville, Sam Smith and George Tinsley played at Kentucky Wesleyan and of course, Coach Gene Rhodes is a Western Kentucky Alumnus.

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Professional sports ventures are not what would be considered a sound business investment. Involment is usually the result of civic-minded, sports loving businessmen. Thus, the following gem from H. Wendell Cherry, one of the new owners of the Colonels. Mr. Cherry was witnessing his first road game since taking over the club. The game was at Indianapolis and the Colonels had just shot into a 24-point lead over the Pacers. Mr. Cherry leaned back in his chair, flashed a big grin and remarked; "You know, I could lose a helluva lot of money before I quit enjoying this."

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KENTUCKY COLONELS

1969 - 1970 SCHEDULE

OCTOBER
18 MIAMI
21 WASHINGTON
24 at New Orleans
26 at Miami
29 DALLAS
31 at New York

NOVEMBER
1 NEW YORK
2 CAROLINA
5 at Carolina (Raleigh)
6 DENVER
9 at New York
10 at Indiana
13 DENVER
15 INDIANA
17 WASHINGTON
21 at Pittsburgh
23 LOS ANGLELES*
28 MIAMI
29 at Washington
30 CAROLINA*

DECEMBER
3 Dallas vs. Kentucky (D.H.)
Miami at Indiana
4 DALLAS vs. INDIANA (D.H.)
MIAMI AT KENTUCKY
7 PITTSBURGH*
11 INDIANA
13 NEW YORK*
16 Los Angeles at Washington
17 Washington at Los Angeles
18 NEW ORLEANS
20 NEW YORK
21 at New York
23 at Pittsburgh
25 LOS ANGELES
27 CAROLINA
28 at Denver
30 Kentucky vs. Washington (D.H.)
Los Angeles at Denver
31 at Indiana

JANUARY
2 at Pittsburgh
3 NEW ORLEANS*
8 INDIANA
9 at Pittsburgh
10 CAROLINA

JANUARY
15 NEW YORK
16 at Carolina (Greensboro)
17 MIAMI
19 INDIANA
21 at Indiana
23 at New York *
24 CAROLINA *
27 All Star Game
29 PITTSBURGH

FEBRUARY
1 CAROLINA*
5 PITTSBURGH
6 at Indiana
8 INDIANA*
12 at Denver
15 at Los Angeles
20 at Dallas
21 at New Orleans
22 at Miami
25 at New York
26 PITTSBURGH
28 MIAMI*

MARCH
1 at Pittsburgh
6 at Los Angeles
7 at Dallas
9 at New Orleans
10 at Miami
12 LOS ANGELES
13 at Indiana
15 DALLAS*
17 DENVER
19 at Miami
20 at Carolina (Greensboro)
22 NEW ORLEANS*
25 PITTSBURGH
28 at Carolina (Raleigh)
31 at Pittsburgh

APRIL
2 INDIANA
4 NEW YORK
5 at Denver
7 at Dallas
8 at Carolina (Charlotte)
11 at Miami
12 WASHINGTON*
15 at New York

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